GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to universalize the coverge of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to include socially and economically weaker persons particularly tribal and single women thereunder and increase the assistance in proportion to annual inflation in the country including Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 239 for reply on 12th March, 2015.

(a) &(b): No such proposal is under the consideration of Government at present.

(c) Priority to vulnerable individuals and families based on their socio-economic and health condition is provided in all sub schemes of NSAP. These include persons suffering from long term/terminal ailment such as Leprosy, TB Aids and Cancer, similarly Transgender, Manual Scavenger and bonded labourers. Women victims of crime and harassment and deserted women also got priority under NSAP. At present, there is no mechanism to index the assistance under NSAP to annual inflation.